

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for preparing a beverage, comprising:

a water reservoir;

an extraction head;

a chamber having a ~~predetermined~~ volume connected to said reservoir for being filled with water from the reservoir and for delivering water to the extraction head;

a conduit for conveying the water from said chamber to the extraction head;

a piston in the chamber for emptying water from said chamber;

a compressed-gas reservoir and a valve for selectively allowing compressed gas to displace the piston so as to empty the chamber of water and for restoring atmospheric pressure in the volume of the chamber for filling of said volume from the reservoir.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chamber has a volume of between 10 and 1000 cc.

Claim 3 (canceled):

Claim 4 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chamber is filled with water by gravitation means.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the gas is chosen from the group consisting of air, CO₂ and nitrogen monoxide.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extraction head is a head for pre-measured filter-paper capsules.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the water reservoir is a thermally-insulated hot-water reservoir.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, comprising a heating system surrounding the chamber.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, comprising a heating system between the chamber and the extraction head.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chamber has a substantially cylindrical shape.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chamber has a volume of between 50 and 150 cc.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the means for~~ filling said chamber with water are done by mechanical means.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extraction head is a head for sealed capsules.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A device for preparing a beverage, comprising:

- a water reservoir;
- an extraction head;
- a chamber having a ~~predetermined~~ volume coupled to said reservoir;
- a conduit conveying the water from said chamber to the extraction head;
- a piston in the chamber for emptying water from said chamber;
- a compressed-gas reservoir and a three-way valve ~~for~~ allowing compressed gas to displace the piston so as to empty the chamber of water and ~~for~~ restoring atmospheric pressure in the volume of the chamber for filling of said volume from the reservoir.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the chamber has a volume of between 10 and 1000 cc.

Claim 16 (canceled):

Claim 17 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the chamber is filled with water by gravitation means.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the gas is chosen from the group consisting of air, CO₂ and nitrogen monoxide.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the extraction head is a head for pre-measured filter-paper capsules or sealed capsules.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the water reservoir is a thermally-insulated hot-water reservoir.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, comprising a heating system surrounding the chamber.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, comprising a heating system between the chamber and the extraction head.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the chamber has a substantially cylindrical shape.